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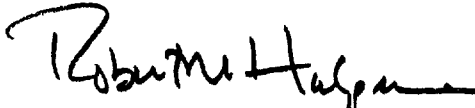
Re: In the Matter of the Petition of AT&T Corp. and Alascom, Inc. For
Elimination of Conditions Imposed by the FCC on the AT&T-Alascom
Relationship, CC Docket No. 00-46

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of the State of Alaska are an original and four (4) copies of the "Comments of the State of Alaska In Support of Request For Extension" for filing in the above-referenced docket.

In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Robert M. Halperin

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**COMMENTS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

The State of Alaska supports the extension request submitted on April 10, 2000 by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska ("RCA"). The issues raised by AT&T and Alascom in their petition implicate fundamental, critically important, and complex issues relating to the provision of intrastate and interstate interexchange services in Alaska. Many of those issues are currently under review by the RCA in an on-going proceeding (RCA Docket No. R-98-1) that the RCA is attempting to resolve as expeditiously as possible.

An extension of time for comments until the conclusion of the pending RCA proceeding is necessary so that the RCA, the State of Alaska, and other interested parties can provide meaningful comment to the FCC on this matter. The RCA should not be asked to provide substantive comment while its proceeding addressing similar issues with respect to intrastate interexchange communications

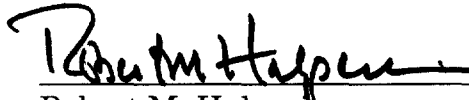
is unresolved. Because of the pending nature of the RCA proceeding and the complexity of the issues raised, the State of Alaska also does not believe that it is in a position to comment substantively on the petition at this time. The position of other parties before this Commission is also likely to be affected by the decisions of the RCA with respect to intrastate issues. The decision-making process of this Commission will not be well-served by assembling a record in light of the uncertainty that currently exists and will remain until the RCA has reached a decision in its proceeding.

In our opinion, a short delay in the comment dates of this proceeding until the RCA has acted will not unduly prejudice AT&T and Alascom. They will likely not be able to implement any relief this Commission might provide them in response to the petition until the RCA has acted because action on both the federal and state levels is required.

For all of the above stated reasons, the State of Alaska supports the request for extension of time submitted by the RCA.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE OF ALASKA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Halperin", is written over a horizontal line.

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I hereby certify that on this 13th day of April, 2000, a copy of the foregoing Comments of The State of Alaska In Support Of Request For Extension was served by hand and/or facsimile delivery on the following:

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